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SUBJ: CUBAN PERM REP ATTACKS CHINA

SUMMARY. CUBAN PERM REP ALARCON IN INFORMAL TALK TO REPORTERS ATTACKED PRC BY NAME, DECRYING ITS VIEW THAT US AND USSR ARE COLLUDING IMPERIALIST POWERS, AND SUGGESTING THAT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE SHOULD REPUDIATE THIS NOTION AND EXPRESS SOLIDARITY OF NON-ALIGNED WITH SOCIALIST CAMP. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESS SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED STORY IN TODAY'S NEW YORK POST THAT CUBAN PERM REP ALARCON IN RECENT TALK TO PRESS GROUP HERE CRITICIZED PRC BY NAME, TAKING STRONG ISSUE WITH ITS VIEWS THAT BOTH US AND USSR ARE IMPERIALIST POWERS IN COLLUSION. FIDEL CASTRO HAD MADE SIMILAR REMARKS IN HIS JULY 26 SPEECH BUT WITHOUT MENTIONING CHINA BY NAME.

2. ALARCON SAID THAT CHINESE VIEWS PLAY INTO HANDS OF US AND ARGUED THAT THERE IS NO THIRD POSITION AVAILABLE TO COUNTRIES NOT ALIGNED WITH ONE OF THE SUPERPOWERS. ALARCON'S REMARKS WERE EVIDENTLY PLACED IN CONTEXT OF SEPT

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NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS, THE MOST IMPORTANT

OBJECTIVE OF WHICH HE SAID WILL BE TO DEFINE THE CLEAR
SOLIDARITY OF NON-ALIGNED STATES WITH THE SOCIALIST STATES
AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST STATES.

3. ALARCON RE-ASSERTED CUBAN VIEW THAT NIXON-BREZHNEV MEETING
WAS A VICTORY FOR SOCIALISM SINCE IT REPRESENTED US ACCEPTANCE
OF THE REALITY OF THE SOCIALIST WORLD.

4. ALARCON STUCK TO THE STANDARD CUBAN APPROACH RE RELATIONS
WITH US, STATING US MUST FIRST CEASE ITS GENDARME ROLE IN
LATIN AMERICA AND THE WORLD BEFORE CUBA COULD SEEK ANY IMPROVE-
MENT IN RELATIONS. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER ANY OF THE OTHER
USUALLY MENTIONED PRECONDITIONS WERE MENTIONED.

5. SOME LISTENERS FOUND ALARCON MORE MODERATE REGARDING THE US
THAN IN THE PAST AND NOTED HE WAS HESITANT AND VAGUE IN GIVING
CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF US SUBVERSION IN LATIN AMERICA, BUT HE
DID MENTION CHILE, ARGENTINA, PERU AND PANAMA. CHOU NAN (PRC)
DECLINED TO COMMENT ON GROUND HE HAD NOT SEEN FULL TEXT OF
ALARCON REMARKS.
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